

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system for providing security profile information to a user of a computer system utilizes memory and a security application. The security application displays a list of security rules for locking down resources of a computer system. A user then  
5 defines a security profile of the computer system by identifying which of the security rules should be enabled. If desired, the user may select any one of the displayed rules in order to obtain more information pertaining to the selected rule. In response, the security application displays more information describing the selected rule so that the user can make a better decision about whether the selected security rule should be  
10 enabled. Upon activation of the security profile, the security application modifies a machine state of the computer system to cause the computer system to begin enforcing the enabled security rules.